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ABSTRACT

Device suitable for internally supporting vessels in particular circular vessels in the non-medical and medical fields, such as transmission pipes and blood vessels, the urinary tract, the digestive tract, and 5 airways, said device comprising:

- an outer wall, and
- an inner wall in association with the outer wall, whereby both the inner and outer wall are expandable and contractible between an expanded support 10 position, in which support position the outer wall contacts an internal surface of the vessel to be supported and a contracted displacing position wherein the device is displaceable to and from a pre-desired location in the vessel, and,
- 15 - releasable locking means for releasibly locking the device in the expanded support position and/or the contracted displacing position.